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SUBJ: POSSIBLE NORWEGIAN AMATEUR RADIO STATION IN PRC

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1. LOCAL AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS (AMERICAN) IN HONG KONG HAVE HAD RADIO CONTACT WITH OPERATORS IN PRC WATERS. ONE OF THE LOCAL OPERATORS HAS HEARD A NORWEGIAN (OR POSSIBLY A SWEDEN) BROADCAST AT LEAST TWICE SINCE MAY FROM SHANGHAI. IN EACH CASE THE SENDER STATED THAT HE WAS OPERATING FROM DOCKSIDE ON BOARD A PRC FLAG VESSEL (POSSIBLY A CHARTERED VESSEL). ANOTHER LOCAL OPERATOR HAS MADE RADIO CONTACT WITH A JAPANESE STATION BROADCASTING FROM A JAPANESE SHIP IN CANTON. HE HAS A QSL CARD ON THE CONTRACT.

2. LOCAL AMATEUR RADIO SOURCES DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THE TWO STATIONS IN QUESTION RECEIVED EXPLICIT PRC APPROVAL TO PERFORM, BUT SPECULATE THAT SOME SORT OF SPECIAL PERMISSION MAY HAVE BEEN GRANTED FOR MARITIME MOBILE OPERATION ONLY. ONE OF THE LOCAL AMERICAN OPERATORS WILL ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS.

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3. ONE LOCAL RADIO OPERATOR, AN AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN

WHO HAS VISITED THE PRC A NUMBER OF TIMES, HAS DISCUSSED AMATEUR RADIO OPERATION WITH "HIGH OFFICIALS" OF THE MINISTRY OF TRADE. ACCORDING TO THE BUSINESSMAN, THE PRC OFFICIALS SEEMED INTERESTED IN THE SUBJECT. THEY RELATED TO HIM THAT PEKING UNIVERSITY HAS A COMPLETE SENDING AND RECEIVING CAPABILITY AND THAT THE PRC CLASSES AMATEUR RADIO OPERATION AS A SPORT. BASED ON THESE DISCUSSIONS, HE FEELS THAT PRC MAY BE CONSIDERING ALLOWING SOME TIGHTLY CONTROLLED LEVEL OF AMATEUR RADIO OPERATION IN THE COUNTRY. HE SPECULATED THAT THE PRC MAY BE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO UNION (IARU), WHICH REQUIRES MEMBER COUNTRIES TO ISSUE A MINIMUM OF SIX AMATEUR LICENSES TO JOIN. (TAIWAN IS NOT A MEMBER).
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